

I...I'm a little afraid that it's precipitous to talk about it right now, that we still don't know what all the implications of the bill are, and particularly we have some concerns about the financial aspects of the bill. So I would rather, and I said this before when we discussed this bill, I'd rather make sure that we do it right the first time than have a process which is flawed. And, Senator Bromm, I'm not saying that your amendment isn't a good one, it may be. But I'm just.. I'm not sure that we...that we know that those figures are the right amounts to have in there, if we're going to limit it to only one-half of the total amount for the general election. That worries me. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Wehrbein, on the Bromm amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I'd like to ask Senator Bromm a question.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Bromm, would you respond, please.

SENATOR BROMM: Certainly.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I guess I'm still trying to be clear of this. What are you really saying is that a candidate, be they incumbent or nonincumbent, either way, really can't spend more...has to limit their spending in the primary in order to...or not spend it, in order that they don't spend more than 50 percent in the general. Is that what this says?

SENATOR BROMM: If they're going to qualify for...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR BROMM: ...public financing, they would have to limit their spending to one-half of the total dollars in the primary, the other half in the general.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: So they...what it's really doing is, in a sense, is putting a limit on nonincumbents, following your scenario, that they would have to say 50 percent for their general, or they'd really have to say the 50 percent.

SENATOR BROMM: It would apply to any candidate.